

COMMITTEE ON BILLS ON SECOND READING

May 23, 2006

6:15 PM

Chairman Duval called the meeting to order.

The Clerk called the roll.

Present: Aldermen Duval, Lopez, Gatsas and Pinard

Absent: Alderman Garrity

Messrs.: Tom Arnold, Virginia Lamberton, Matthew Normand

Chairman Duval addressed item 3 of the agenda:

3. Ordinance:

“Amending Sections 33.024, 33.025 & 33.026 (Relating to the Reorganization of the Health Department) of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Manchester.”

Alderman Lopez moved to recommend that the Ordinance ought to pass.

Alderman Pinard duly seconded the motion. There being none opposed, the motion carried.

Chairman Duval stated just a comment before we move onto number four. I appreciate the patience by Mr. Rusczek, thank you very much, Fred. There was a little confusion in getting this to a meeting timely so I apologize for that. I appreciate Mr. Rusczek coming through with a reorganization plan as well. I think that is to be commended and your efforts in cooperating with Mayor Guinta and accomplishing this I think deserves to be applauded.

Chairman Duval addressed item 4 of the agenda:

4. Ordinance:

“Amending Sections 33.024, 33.025 & 33.026 (Parking Manager) of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Manchester.”

Alderman Lopez moved for discussion. Alderman Pinard duly seconded the motion. There being none opposed, the motion carried.

Alderman Lopez stated I believe that this position has been allocated at a grade 25 and maybe the Human Resources Director can bring us up to speed here on what's going on.

Ms. Virginia Lamberton, Human Resources Director, asked could you clarify that question for me?

Alderman Lopez stated just to clarify the grade 25 position that we're talking about the Parking Manager, if you could tell us the aspects of what's going on...are we advertising for this position now?

Ms. Lamberton replied I did send a note to Paul Borek telling him that Aldermen has requested that he move forward with advertising the position and at that time I guess I thought this was a General Fund position but it's not going to be.

Alderman Lopez stated that's correct.

Ms. Lamberton stated that we can do advertisements because the hiring freeze that we have in effect right now is the hiring freeze that Mayor Baines had established and that hiring freeze did not include non-general funded positions. So, enterprise funds, federal funded jobs we can just keep filling and I haven't had any instructions to the contrary so I will let Mr. Borek know tomorrow that we'll put an add in the paper for him.

Alderman Lopez asked are you satisfied with the samples they gave us with the job descriptions?

Ms. Lamberton replied I felt comfortable with it. I did call, as per your request, the cities of Portsmouth and Concord...they have parking managers that make a little bit less than what we're going to be offering, however, they also have traffic engineers that have the special certifications that their parking managers do not have. So, their jobs are just a little bit different so if you see that their parking manager job is being advertised and it's less than ours it's because the requirements are a less and the responsibilities are less...ours is a higher end of parking manager requiring lots of knowledge that theirs was not.

Alderman Pinard stated a clarification of handicap parking aisles and handicap zones what is the difference between the zones and the space are they going to be monitored by the Police closer than they're doing now?

Chairman Duval interjected just a reminder we're on number 4 which is the creation of the Parking Manager position.

Alderman Pinard stated I'm looking at the back page, I'm sorry.

Alderman Gatsas asked Ms. Lamberton what is the salary range?

Ms. Lamberton replied I don't have that with me...I know it starts at \$62,350 something...I'll get it for you. It's \$62,315 at step 1 and after 13 steps or 13 years it's \$88,847.

Alderman Gatsas asked what is the range that somebody has the ability to start somebody at?

Ms. Lamberton replied department heads can start new hires at Step 1 which is the minimum...anything beyond that they have to come to me first and I have to agree or disagree with them and if I agree with them then I recommend to the Mayor (this is by ordinance) that the Mayor approves them hiring at a higher step.

Alderman Gatsas stated I guess my question is the person that's right underneath the parking manager is who?

Ms. Lamberton replied that would be Denise.

Alderman Gatsas asked and what is her salary?

Ms. Lamberton replied that's a 16.

Alderman Gatsas asked what is her rate?

Ms. Lamberton replied her salary is \$50,794 and that's probably because she's gotten longevity steps and what not.

Alderman Gatsas stated if I remember correctly the gentleman that was in here that gave an overhead projector on parking managers...correct me if I'm wrong...wasn't he in the \$80-90,000 range.

Ms. Lamberton replied I was not here for that.

Alderman Gatsas stated if there's a study that was done I certainly would like somebody to at least tell us because if we're looking to hire somebody at \$62,000 and we had a study done that said it's going to be at a higher range.

Ms. Lamberton stated we might have to do what we've done lately with positions...if the market is higher then we'll hire them at a higher step. You just don't move positions up in grades because of the market because it disrupts the point factors and so, for example, Paul Borek was hired at a much higher step, Marty Boldin was hired at a much higher step because that's what the market demanded. It wasn't just them looking for those salaries...it was people in general were thinking that's what the market would support.

Alderman Lopez moved to recommend that the Ordinance ought to pass.
Alderman Pinard duly seconded the motion. There being none opposed, the motion carried.

Chairman Duval addressed item 5 of the agenda:

5. Report of the Committee on Traffic recommending changes to Chapter 70 of the Codes of Ordinances relating to parking offenses and penalties being submitted for ordinance preparation and technical review.

Mr. Matthew Normand, Deputy Clerk, noted that a handout of the ordinance was distributed prior to the meeting.

“Amending Chapter 70 Motor Vehicles and Traffic of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Manchester by adding §70.48(C), deleting 70.78 Basic Penalty and 70.79 Increased Penalty, and creating a new 70.78 Penalty increasing various traffic violations and establishing a new table therein.”

Alderman Pinard stated we know that we have a problem with handicap parking spaces in the City of Manchester...one says space and the other says zone...could I get a clarification of the two areas.

Chairman Duval stated I do not have an answer for Alderman Pinard I don't know if any member of the Committee does. Clearly, there is a distinction and I think it's referring to the access aisle as opposed to parking right in the space itself.

Deputy City Solicitor Arnold stated that is correct. The handicap parking space access aisle is the second that's for parking in an access aisle.

Alderman Pinard moved to recommend that the Ordinance ought to pass.
Alderman Gatsas duly seconded the motion. There being none opposed, the motion carried.

Chairman Duval addressed item 6 of the agenda:

6. Ordinance:

“Amending Section 70.78 Basic Penalty to provide a specific penalty for parking in a driveway and for parking in front of a fire hydrant.”

Alderman Pinard moved to recommend that the Ordinance ought to pass.
Alderman Gatsas duly seconded the motion. There being none opposed, the motion carried.

Chairman Duval addressed item 7 of the agenda:

7. Ordinance:

“Amending Chapter 111 Amusements of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Manchester by amending Section 111.71 Curfew For Entertainment, by adding the outdoor entertainment curfew and renumbering sections 111.71-111.73.”

Alderman Lopez moved to recommend that the Ordinance ought to pass.
Alderman Pinard duly seconded the motion. There being none opposed, the motion carried.

Chairman Duval stated a question for the Clerk or...is there someone from Highway...is there any status at all on number 8 the tabled item?

Mr. Normand replied I don't see anything else that has been added.

Chairman Duval asked could the Clerk's office inquire between now and the next Committee meeting as to what the Public Works Department would like to do with this?

Mr. Normand replied we could do that.

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8. Ordinance:

“Amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Manchester by adding a new Chapter 54: Storm Water to Title V: Public Works.”

Alderman Lopez stated we had always said that when there are items on the agendas departments are supposed to be here...Traffic wasn't here tonight. The Clerk might remind people that they should be here when there is an item on the agenda of the Committee on Bills on Second Reading.

Chairman Duval stated so noted. Are there any other items to come before the Committee?

Alderman Gatsas moved for reconsideration of Item 7...Curfew of Entertainment...I apology we already approved. Alderman Lopez duly seconded the motion. There being none opposed, the motion carried.

Alderman Gatsas stated I'm looking at page 1, item (A) "no exhibit of natural or artificial curiosities, theatrical performances, or other shows shall be permitted outdoors after 10:00 p.m., as specific in section 111.75(B)(1), or indoors..."

Mr. Normand stated I can explain this. The Committee on Administration passed the noise ordinance (111.75) and in that there was a reference to outdoor entertainment having a curfew of ten o'clock. There was already a section on the books which you see 111.71 which is the curfew for entertainment which prior to was assumed for indoor entertainment which is two o'clock. There was an obvious conflict because there was no mention of outdoor issues, so this is strictly a house cleaning issue that would have the two speak to the same language.

Alderman Gatsas stated I guess my question, Matt, is that I know that there's been maybe last year that the 24-hour...it was either the jog around...the Relay for Life...are those events also included in this or do we have the ability to waive that as a Board?

Mr. Normand stated included in the noise activities.

Alderman Gatsas stated no I'm talking about the curfew...no curiosities after 10:00 p.m.

Mr. Normand stated if you looked at item (B) of 111.71 that is where those events come into play so the Committee on Administration still has...

Alderman Gatsas asked do we have the ability to waive them?

Mr. Normand replied yes.

Alderman Pinard moved to reaffirm the previous motion to recommend that the ordinance (item 7) ought to pass. Alderman Gatsas duly seconded the motion. There being none opposed, the motion carried.

There being no further business to come before the Committee, on motion of Alderman Pinard, duly seconded by Alderman Lopez, it was voted to adjourn.

A True Record. Attest.

Clerk of Committee